PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in recognition of the great and many contributions Victor L. "Vic" Lechtenberg has made to the West Lafayette community and the Greater Lafayette region; and

WHEREAS, he has been an integral part of the West Lafayette community while serving Purdue University with great distinction as a professor, dean and in various administrative roles since moving to West Lafayette in 1971 to earn his Ph.D. in Agronomy from Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Vic Lechtenberg, through his work at Purdue University, has made the Greater Lafayette community a better place to live, work, visit and do business; and

WHEREAS, he has shared his talents with the community while serving on the boards of several local businesses, including the IU Arnett Health Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Purdue has joined with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to recruit businesses to Greater Lafayette and the state of Indiana and retain current Indiana companies; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized for his work by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation in 2009, when he received the Accelerate Indiana Award for being the Corporation's best resource for connecting Indiana's strong academic culture with that of the business world; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and expertise have been widely recognized and sought after throughout the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, his service to our country through his work with national organizations including his past positions as the chair of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's national Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board, and as a fellow of both the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America, reflects well on Greater Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he has been a tremendous ambassador for and asset to the West Lafayette community; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette expresses its enormous gratitude and appreciation to Vic Lechtenberg for his dedication and service to the community over the past 45 years; and

WHEREAS, his contributions will continue to impact West Lafayette and the state of Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Dennis, Mayor of the great city of West Lafayette Indiana, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 2, 2015 as:

VIC LECHTENBERG DAY

In the city of West Lafayette, and call upon the people of West Lafayette to recognize and participate in this important observance.

Mayor John R. Dennis